

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend paragraph [0022], as published, of the specification as follows:

From a high level view, the piledriver receives a play list from an audio or video client application. It analyzes the play list and locally caches the first small portion (e.g. first ten seconds) for clip in the play list. The client can then connect to the piledriver data pump and retrieve the data stream using the HTTP or Ultravox 2.0 Protocols. The major functions of the piledriver include: (1) managing the retrieval and caching the ~~pre-buffer~~ pre-buffer for items in the play list; (2) managing the content in memory; (3) providing content to audio or video clients using raw data or the Ultravox 2.0 protocol from either a local cache or directly from a content-store; and (4) providing a stream of data to the audio or video client mimicking local disk functionality.

Please amend paragraph [0059], as published, of the specification as follows:

Referring to FIG. 3C, step 330 actually includes the following two sub-steps:

Please amend paragraph [0071], as published, of the specification as follows:

~~No referring~~ Now referring to FIG. 3C, in step 300A, the user's computer checks whether the new target song is already pre-cached by checking whether a file characterized as the new target song exists in the buffer. If not, go to step 331 which includes two sub-steps:

Please amend paragraph [0072], as published, of the specification as follows:

send request to the server to stop transmitting ~~of the song in~~ the playing song and to start transmitting the new target song; and